

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/727,636

Applicant(s)

IWAMURA ET AL.

Examiner

Anthony Mackowey

Art Unit

2624

All Participants:

(1) Anthony Mackowey.

(2) Brian Klock (Reg. No. 36,570).

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 1 June 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

4, 5, 9-12

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

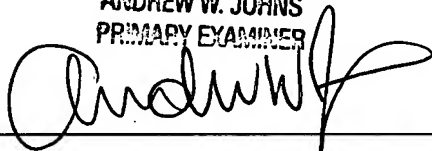
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

ANDREW W. JOHNS
PRIMARY EXAMINER


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner had contacted Applicant's representative Brian Klock concerning claims 4 and 5, inquiring where the specification described the details of claim 4 as the Examiner was having difficulty understanding the what the claim was describing. Mr. Klock later informed the Examiner he would contact Applicant's for assistance in identifying the support in the specification. In a follow-up call on 5/21/07 Mr. Klock indicated neither he nor Applicant's could identify a portion of the specification that adequately supported claim 4 and that claim 4 was to be canceled and claim 5 amended to depend from claim 1.

Examiner also contacted Mr. Klock regarding claims 9-12. As both claims described the combination of a program and a computer-readable medium, Examiner indicated the claims covered essentially the same subject matter. Examiner also indicated the specification defined a "storage medium" as including "transmission media" which are non-statutory. Examiner suggested amending the claims to recite and computer-readable memory as that would exclude the transmission media. Mr. Klock informed the Examiner he would contact Applicant for authorization of such an amendment.

Mr. Klock contacted the Examiner on June 1, 2007 indicating Applicant had agreed to amending claims 9 and 10 as suggested by the Examiner and cancelling claims 11 and 12. Mr. Klock also again confirmed the cancellation of claim 4 and amendment of claim 5..